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SUBJECT: IOM DIRECTOR GENERAL: TANZANIA OPEN TO USG
CANDIDATE

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¶1. (U) The Government of Tanzania (GOT) appreciated learning the USG position regarding the June 2008 election of Director General of the International Organization for Migration (IOM). Justin Seruheme, Acting Director of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Multilateral Affairs Department, told Poloff on July 20 that he knows Ambassador William Swing personally through their work in Western Sahara and commented that Ambassador Swing's experience is a good match for the job at IOM.

¶2. (U) Seruheme asked the USG to provide a diplomatic note formally requesting GOT support for Ambassador Swing's candidacy; Poloff assured Seruheme further communications on the matter would be forthcoming before the June 2008 election.

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